Reply.—This matter is engaging the attention of Government.

383. Raising the standard of the English Middle School.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested that the Fourth Form might be immediately added to the English Middle school in Shencottah and its status gradually raised till it became a High School.

Reply.—This matter will be looked into and orders passed.

384. Acquisition of jungles on the sides of hill streams.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer represented that it was desirable to acquire jungles on the sides of hill streams with a view to prevent the people from clearing the same and thereby causing diminution of water-supply.

Reply.—This is no doubt a sound principle to be kept in view. In regard to old cases, the matter will be considered.

385. Undesirability of registering Manibhom lands in the names of those who enjoy them

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer represented that the recent Government Proceedings directing the registry of Manibhom lands in the names of those who enjoyed them for particular services caused insufferable inconvenience and loss to the people and became a source of undeserved wealth for no service and at little cost to the Manibhom holders. He, therefore, suggested that they might either be made to perform services as hitherto independent of the small value they had to pay to have the lands registered in their names or the value might be refunded to them and the lands got back and entrusted to the people in common.

Reply.—This taluk has been already settled and the question cannot be reopened.

386. Destruction of crops by wild animals.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer suggested that a hunting party might be organised under the supervision of Forest officers and directed to roam about the villages for the destruction of the wild animals causing damage to crops.

Reply.—It is not found possible even for police officers to successfully keep out thieves by patrolling along villages. Much less is it

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